

**GCSE**

**Religious Studies (World Religions)**

**Jewish Scriptures 2**

**Specimen Paper**

**B586**

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

**Additional materials: none**

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b, and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

## 1 Deuteronomy 11:13–17

**(a)** Describe and explain the teachings that are found in this passage.

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**(b)** Explain why is the Shema important for Jews today.

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- (c) 'Saying regular prayers is unnecessary.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer.

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## 2 Ethics of the Fathers 1:18

**(a)** Describe the origins of the Ethics of the Fathers.

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**(b)** How might this paragraph from the Ethics of the Fathers help a Jew when making important decisions?

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- (c) 'The Ethics of the Fathers is not very important because it was written by Rabbis, not by G-d.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer.

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### 3 Grace after meals – third blessing: for Jerusalem

**(a)** What is being asked of G-d in this passage?

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**(b)** Explain why saying the Grace after meals is important to Jews.

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- (c)** 'For a good life, all Jews need to do is to put their trust in G-d.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer.

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### Extra Answer Space

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**

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The maximum mark for this paper is **48**.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>Describe and explain the teachings that are found in this passage.</b></p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The passage from the Shema is taken from the Covenant with Abraham and shows G-d making promises to the Jews to look after them in the sense of providing good weather and so good crops provided that they follow his teachings and commandments.</li> <li>• Explanation that if the Jews chose not to follow these instructions then they will be punished and put out of the Promised Land where they will then suffer.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain why is the Shema important for Jews today.</b></p> <p>Answers are likely to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider the centrality of the Shema in the frequency in which it is used;</li> <li>• explain that the teachings found in the Shema are often considered to be a central core of Jewish belief and life;</li> <li>• that the Shema is found in mezuzot and tefillin.</li> </ul> <p>Some simpler responses may simply be that part of its importance is that it has always been seen as important and has been recited by so many Jews for so long.</p>	[6]
1(c)	<p><b>‘Saying regular prayers is unnecessary.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spontaneous prayer, although, perhaps, a rather neglected aspect of worship in some areas of Judaism, is at least as important as the set prayers;</li> <li>• many of the prayers found in the Tenakh are spontaneous and set a precedent therefore.</li> <li>• On the other hand they may consider that set prayers such as the Shema are said in obedience to G-d’s wishes and provide structure and focus to life.</li> </ul>	[12]
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
2(a)	<p><b>Describe the origins of the Ethics of the Fathers.</b></p> <p>Candidates need to be able to write generally about the origins of the Ethics of the Fathers, possibly attributing it to its place in Neziqin, the 4th order of the Mishnah, placed there in order to teach a moral way of life.</p>	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
<p><b>2(b)</b></p> <p><b>How might this paragraph from the Ethics of the Fathers help a Jew when making important decisions?</b></p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this particular paragraph might help in determining the way in which justice should be applied and also in its stress on truth and peace;</li> <li>• the importance which is attached to these three concepts and also the instruction 'are you to adjudicate in your gates'.</li> </ul> <p><b>2(c)</b></p> <p><b>'The Ethics of the Fathers is not very important because it was written by Rabbis, not by G-d.'</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this opens the question of revealed and non-revealed texts;</li> <li>• agreeing with the statement in degree of importance whilst questioning 'very';</li> <li>• arguing for the value of the rabbis' work.</li> </ul>	<p>[6]</p> <p>[12]</p>	<p>[6]</p> <p>[12]</p>
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
<p><b>3(a)</b></p> <p><b>What is being asked of G-d in this passage?</b></p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in this third blessing, for Jerusalem, G-d is being asked, not just to protect the city itself;</li> <li>• the scope of the prayer is wider and covers the city, the Temple, the house of David, and Jews themselves;</li> <li>• the importance of these concepts in what is being sought from G-d.</li> </ul> <p><b>3(b)</b></p> <p><b>Explain why saying the Grace after meals is important to Jews.</b></p> <p>Answers may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace is important simply to thank G-d for food;</li> <li>• the Grace thanks G-d for far more than food;</li> <li>• as in the blessing considered, the Grace contains petitions to G-d for continuing love and support.</li> </ul> <p><b>3(c)</b></p> <p><b>'For a good life, all Jews need to do is to put their trust in G-d. Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer.'</b></p> <p>Responses may include:</p>	<p>[6]</p> <p>[6]</p>	<p>[6]</p> <p>[6]</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>although put trust in G-d is an essential part of faith and belief it is certainly not sufficient to lead a good life;</li> <li>to have a good life requires both devotion to G-d and effort on the part of the Jew to love G-d and follow his teachings and also to work hard to care for themselves and their family.</li> </ul>	[12]
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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

<b>Question</b>	<b>AO1</b>	<b>AO2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>3(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
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